Setting up of Indian Tourism Development Fund in Germany

1905. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indian Tourism Development Fund, to be jointly administered by Air India, the India tourist office and Lufthansa, was to be set up in Germany;

(b) whether the setting up of this fund was delayed by five weeks because of the refusal of Air India's former Manager in Frankfurt to hand over the charge to his successor;

(c) whether this unsavoury episode has had adverse effects on Germany tourism to India; and

(d) if so, what steps Government intends to take to curb such indisciplined behaviour from senior official of Air India?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) The proposal to set up a Tourism Development Fund is under consideration. In an unrelated development, Air India's Manager at Frankfurt who was transferred to Muscat on 20-5-1993 and who took recourse to various dilatory tactice in handing over charge has been served with a show-cause notice by Air Indian management.

संसद सदस्यों द्वारा लिखे गए पत्र

1906. **श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल** : क्या **नागर विमानन और पर्यटन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1 अप्रैल, 1990 से 31 मार्च, 1993 तक की अवधि के दौरान संसद सदस्यों द्वारा मंत्रालय को वर्षवार कितने पत्र लिखे गए हैं;

(ख) उनमें से कितने पत्रों की पावती भेजी गई;

(ग) कितने पत्रों के अंतिम रूप से उत्तर दिए गए; और

(घ) मंत्रालय द्वारा सकारात्मक और नकारात्मक उत्तरों वाले अन्तिम रूप से भेजे गय पत्रों का ब्यौरा क्या है?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद): (क) 1 अप्रैल, 1990 से 31 मार्च, 1993 की अवधि के दौरान संसद सदस्यों से 3257 पत्र प्राप्त हुए थे। इनका वर्षवार ब्यौरा निम्न प्रकार है :—

वर्ष	प्राप्त हुए पत्रों की संख्या
1990-91	830
1991-92	1239
1992-93	1228

(ख) 3249 पत्र। शेष 48 मामलों में अंतिम उत्तर सीधे भेज दिया गया था और इसलिए पावती भेजने की आवश्यकता नहीं थी।

(ग) 2993 अंतिम उत्तर।

(घ) मंत्रालय में रखे गए रिकार्ड से उत्तरों को ऐसी श्रेणियों में वर्गीकृत नहीं किया गया है।

Agitation by Air India pilots

1907. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whethes pilots and other personnel of Air India are continuing to agitate;

(b) if so, the details of such agitations during the last four months; and

(c) the number and details of the flights disrupted on this account during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Pilot of Air India belonging to the Indian Pilots Guild had resorted to direct action by reporting sick for a period of 4 days from 3-9-93 to 6-9-93. 41 single flights were affected resulting in an estimated net loss of Rs. 358,28 lakhs.

Apart from the above, during the period August—November, 1993, the following agitation/direct actions took place, which did not have any quantifiable effect on operations :

(i) Air Corporations Employees' Union (ACEU), Bombay a non-recognised Union in Air India went on one day strike on 9-9-1993.

(ii) Air India Cabin Crew Association (AICCA) resorted to direct action on September, 1993 by directing its members not to operate flights with Capt. A. R. Kermani.

(iii) Air India Employees Guild (AIEG) representing non-technical and technical categories of employees in for India, resorted to work stopped on October 2, 1993 and November 10, 1993 in the Airport Services Department.

Construction of International Airport at Bangalore

1908. SHRI J. P. JAVALI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state ;

(a) whether it is a fact that an International airport is likely to be constructed at Bangalore by, R. P. Goenka Group in collaboration with Cathay Pacific ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) Government have not received any proposal for construction of a new airport at Bangalore by the R. P. Goenka Group in collaboration with Cathay Pacific.

Investment Plan for Tourism

1909. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have drawn up an investment plan so as to increase the tourist inflow from the present 1.83 million to five million by the end of 1996-97 as reported in the Economic Times, New Delhi dated 24th November, 1993 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether it has been cleared by Government ; and

(c) what is the likely return in foreign exchange by the end of 1996-97, increase in tax earning and employment potential including booster to the facilities for an existing weak tourism infrastructure in the country as a whole and in States like Rajasthan and Orissa in particular ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (c) No investment plan has been approved by the Government for increasing the foreign tourist inflow to five million by 1996-97. However, the Department of Tourism has prepared such a tentative plan which envisages investments by various Departments of Government of India, State Governments including Rajasthan and Orissa and the private sector. The plan has to be therefore, examined by these agencies in detail. The economic benefits of attracting five million foreign tourists are anticipated to be foreign exchange earning of Rs. 14,000 crores, employment of 5.18 million persons and tax revenue of Rs. 1764 crores.

Industrial Incentive Policy

1910. SHRI AHMED MOHMAD BHA PATEL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Gujarat after reviving its 1990—95 industrial Policy, has made Hotel industry, small and employment oriented units, eligible for incentives ;

(b) if so, to what extent Gujarat Hotel can claim incentives ;

(c) what are the industries which are not eligible for incentives under industrial Policy, 1995 ; and

(d) what is the extent to which the proposed incentives will boost Gujarat's hotel industry ?